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FROM MANILA DTD 28 APR 1976 QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MARCOS FORTHCOMING MOSCOW MEETING

1. DURING CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS APRIL 28, PRESIDENT
MARCOS SAID THAT SOVIET UNION HAD SUGGESTED AN AGENDA
FOR HIS DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW MAY 31. HE WAS SURPRISED
TO FIND THAT ONE OF THE ITEMS SOVIETS PROPOSED WAS ARMS
ASSISTANCE TO THE PHILIPPINES.

2. MARCOS SAID HE HAD INFORMED SOVIETS HE HAD NO RPT NO
DESIRE TO SEEK ARMS AID FROM THEM. HE DID INDICATE,
HOWEVER, THAT HE WISHED TO DISCUSS WHETHER ANY SOVIET
WEAPONS ARE BEING SENT TO LIBYA WHICH MAY EVENTUALLY FIND
THEIR WAY TO MUSLIM REBELS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

3. MARCOS ALSO SAID HE WISHED TO TALK WITH SOVIETS ABOUT
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WEAPONS SYSTEMS THEY MAY BE SUPPLYING TO HANOI. HE IS

PARTICULARLY CONCERNED BY REPORTS HE HAS RECEIVED THAT
VIETNAMESE ARE SEEKING NAVAL VESSELS OF GREATER RANGE
AND FIREPOWER THAN THEIR CURRENT FLEET.

4. FINALLY, HE SAID HE WISHED EXPLORE SOVIET ATTITUDE
TOWARDS ASEAN. HE WAS PUZZLED BY APPARENT SOVIET
HOSTILITY TOWARDS THE ORGANIZATION AND WOULD SEE TO
DETERMINE ITS CAUSES.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO
SECRETARY, SINCE HE WILL BE SEEING MARCOS IN NAIROBI
NEXT WEEK. SULLIVAN UNQTE SISCO

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